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SUBJECT: CODEL PRICE ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

REF: (A) MOSCOW 4860, (B) MOSCOW 4929

1. EMBOFF MET WITH INTOURIST OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS ARRANGEMENTS FOR VISIT. INTOURIST STATED THAT ARRANGEMENTS WERE SETTLED IN LENINGRAD AND KIEV. DELEGATION AND AIR CREW WILL BE ACCOMMODATED IN HOTEL LENINGRAD AND DNEPRO.

2. AS FOR MOSCOW ARRANGEMENTS, INTOURIST CANNOT BE AS DEFINITE. IT IS LIKELY THAT ENTIRE DELEGATION WILL BE SETTLED IN INTOURIST HOTEL WITH POSSIBILITY THAT AIR CREW WILL BE LOCATED IN ROSSIYA. WHILE NOT OPTIMAL THIS WOULD BE SATISFACTORY. ROOM RATES OF \$101/DOUBLE WERE CONFIRMED AS WAS PLAN FOR THREE MEALS/DAY IN HOTEL.

3. FOLLOWING POINTS AROSE DURING DISCUSSION:

A. GROUP TOUR RATES DO NOT COVER PROVISION OF SEDAN. CARS CAN BE PROVIDED (WITH DRIVER) AT RATE OF APPROXIMATELY 57 RUBLES PER CAR PER EIGHT-HOUR DAY. DOES CODEL
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WISH TO CONFIRM RENTAL OF TWO SEDANS? INTOURIST PROPOSES CHARGING CAR RENTAL TO CONTROL ROOM, WHICH WOULD HAVE SEPARATE FUNDING REQUIRING EMBASSY RECEIPT OF FISCAL DATA.

B. INTOURIST WILL PROVIDE THREE 36-PASSENGER BUSES FOR USE OF OFFICIAL PARTY, SPOUSES/STAFF AND AIR CREW AT NO

EXTRA COST.

C. BAGGAGE TRUCKS (ONE EACH) IN LENINGRAD, MOSCOW AND KIEV WILL COST ADDITIONAL 60 RUBLES EACH CITY.

D. ENTERTAINMENT AVAILABLE IS VERY POPULAR. RESERVATIONS FOR EVENTS IDENTIFIED (REF B) MUST BE RECEIVED BY OOB MOSCOW WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22. TICKETS MAY BE PAID FOR AFTER ARRIVAL.

E. DUE TO ORTHODOX PRE-EASTER ACTIVITIES, VISIT TO ZAGORSK MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE. ALTERNATIVES WOULD BE ESTATES AT ARKHANGELSKOE OR KOLOMENSKOE.

F. INTOURIST STRONGLY REQUESTED THAT SENIOR GUIDE BE ALLOWED TO ACCOMPANY DELEGATION TO ALL STOPS. WHILE THIS SUGGESTION HAS MERIT, EMBOFF STRESSED LIMITED SPACE ON PLANE AND NO COMMITMENT WAS MADE.

4. INTOURIST STATED THAT ROOM ASSIGNMENTS WILL NOT BE KNOWN UNTIL AM MARCH 27. THIS MAY CAUSE SOME BAGGAGE HANDLING DIFFICULTIES, BUT EMBASSY WILL PUSH FOR EARLIER NOTIFICATION.

5. EARLY RECEIPT OF DELEGATION DESIRES FOR EVENING EVENTS IS NECESSARY IN ORDER TO ASSURE AVAILABILITY OF TICKETS. PLEASE PROVIDE DATA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. TOON
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